

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 1, which starts with "First, every English word is assigned a fertility ..." with the following amended paragraph:

First, every English word is assigned a fertility. These assignments are made stochastically according to a table  $n(\theta | e_i)$ . Any word with fertility zero is deleted from the ~~strong~~ string, any ~~work~~ word with fertility two is duplicated, etc. If a word has fertility greater than one, it is called very fertile.